

Applicant's original specification which indicates the changes made thereto by the Substitute Specification. No new matter has been added to the original disclosure by the Substitute Specification. The Substitute Specification has deleted the incorrect reference to the trademark "Teflon" and has utilized the generic term. This is believed to obviate the outstanding objection to the specification. Entry of the Substitute Specification is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been canceled and new claims 2 and 3 have been added to this application. The new claims are believed to specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The claims are also believed to set forth subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art. The new claims specifically recite the elongated tube having a water spray head on a first end and an outwardly extending flange on a second end, and a connector having an inlet opening and an outlet opening, wherein the outlet opening has a diameter smaller than a diameter of the inlet opening, whereby the elongated tube passes through the outlet opening such that the outwardly extending flange contacts a portion of the connector so as to prevent removal of the connector from the elongated tube. Basis for these claimed elements can be found in Applicant's drawings and in Applicant's original specification. The claims also require first and second spaced apart water sealing rings and a ball valve located between the water sealing rings. New claim 3 depends from independent claim 2 and specifically recites that the first and second water sealing rings are made of a polytetrafluoroethylene material.

Applicant submits that the elements of Applicant's new claims are neither specifically shown, nor intimated in any fashion whatsoever by Hoza. Hoza is directed toward a water mist generator attachable to the end of a hose, or the like, in which the hollow body (15) is threadingly engaged with the hose end and contains a movable ball valve therein. The hollow body also has an externally

threaded outlet portion to which is attached a cap 12 having a misting nozzle therein. Hoza specifically notes that cap 12 is removably connected to the hollow body (see Hoza, col. 2, lines 7 et seq.; and col. 2, lines 52 et seq.).

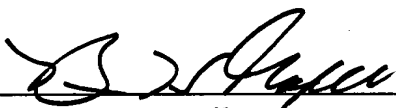
It is abundantly clear that Hoza is directed toward a totally different structure than is Applicant's invention and does not, in any fashion whatsoever, disclose any structure that is even remotely analogous to Applicant's elongated tube having an outwardly extending flange, and a connector that is nonremovably attached to the elongated tube. Given the total lack of disclosure in Hoza of any structure that is even remotely related to that now specifically required by Applicant's claims, Applicant submits that Hoza could not possibly render obvious any of Applicant's claims. The outstanding rejection of Applicant's claims based upon this reference is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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